



Pullman Parks & Recreation Commission

January 10, 2018 ~ 6:30pm

Large Conference Room, City Hall

Meeting Agenda

Dueben ____ Fereidooni ____ Fredrickson ____
Hamilton ____ Nazerali ____ Schwartz ____ Winchell ____

Call to Order

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Minutes from October 11, 2017

Announcements

Reports

Parks (Appendix A)
Recreation (Appendix B)
Aquatics (Appendix C)

Old Business

Tobacco Free Parks (Appendix D)

New Business

City of Pullman, General and Replacement Bonds – Special Election 2018

Adjournment



Pullman Parks & Recreation Commission

MINUTES: October 11, 2017

Mick Nazerali called the meeting of the Pullman Parks & Recreation Commission to order at 6:30 PM. Additional members present included Becky Dueben, Zackary Fredrickson, Lynda Hamilton, and Matthew Winchell. Staff members present were: Alan Davis, Kurt Dahmen, and Kristin Lincoln (recorder).

AGENDA/MINUTES:

- A. **MOTION:** Zackary Fredrickson made a motion to adopt the agenda for the October 11, 2017 meeting; Beck Dueben seconded. Passed unanimously.
- B. **MOTION:** Zackary Fredrickson made a motion to adopt the minutes from for the August 9, 2017; Matthew Winchell seconded. Passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. None

REPORTS:

A. Parks Report: (Appendix A: 10-11-17)

Alan Davis presented the Parks Report and highlighted the following:

- a) The 4th of July Celebration took 285 man/hours for preparation and cleanup and 257 man/hours for event support. The event went very smoothly.
- b) The Lentil Festival took 397 hours for preparation and cleanup and 145 hours during the event. This event also went well for staff.
- c) Staff spent time cleaning up graffiti and repairing damage from vandalism at Sunnyside, City Playfield, McGee and Terre View Parks.
- d) We introduced some of our part time staff to welding and they were able to build new water valve keys.
- e) Sunnyside garden plots were prepared for the summer and now the staff is working to close them for the winter. There was an issue of vegetables from the plots being stolen and a sign was posted stating the plots were private and not for general consumption.
- f) Considerable amount of time has been used in cleaning up homeless camps from the RV park, under the via-duct, near City Playfield restrooms, Petry Park, McGee and along the Johnson Ave path after Police "trespassed" the individuals staying there. Many of these people seem to have moved on out of town and Pullman and doesn't seem to be a destination location as of yet. Staff is brainstorming ways of working with Community Action to find a more suitable location then the RV Park for transitional housing/camping space.
- g) Irrigation repairs were made throughout the system, including a line that broke at City Cemetery and a number of couplers and sprinkler heads that seem to have been damaged on purpose. At the same time, a number of cables at the

- parks shop and RV park were cut by an individual that was “concerned the WiFi signals were affecting the birds”. The individual was contacted by police.
- h) Staff responded to a down tree at Woodcraft Park that damaged a car.
 - i) A new “Spin-cup” was donated by the Girl Scouts and was installed at Harrison Tot Lot. One of the Scouts was awarded the bronze award for collecting 186 pounds of plums and apples from trees in the city parks. She donated the fruit to the Community Action Center Food Bank.
 - j) Staff prepared Reaney Park Pool and Splash Pad for the summer and have now been shut down and winterized.
 - k) Concerts and Movies in the Park both went well this year.
 - l) Staff made a number of repairs at Quann Field. Including rebuilding a block wall and the 1st base dugouts.
 - m) Number of burials at the cemeteries were normal. Staff pulled the fountain at City Cemetery in preparation of lowering it and installed new double-sided niche.
 - n) Lowered the fountain and build double sided niche at City Cemetery
 - o) Staff installed dog waste pole at the Humane Society’s Dog Park. Grant to install the poles is now spent. Would need to fund any additional poles ourselves.
 - p) Shakespeare in the Park at Lawson Gardens was a successful event. The irrigation system did go off unexpectedly but was taken care of. Next year we’ll be looking at using a sound system to help the audience in the back hear the actors.
 - q) An Engle Scout has designed and installed benches at Sunrise Park.
 - r) University of Idaho recreation students are revamping the disk golf course at Sunnyside Park including new baskets and signage.
 - s) Irrigation supplies and plants for the Grand Ave Greenway site at Daisy and Grand have arrived and will be installed.
 - t) The north end entrance sign site has been graded and are working on completing foundation and bank stabilization.

B. Recreation Report – Pioneer Center: (Appendix B: 10-11-17)

Kurt Dahmen presented the Recreation Report regarding the Pioneer Center activities and highlighted the following:

- a) Some of our most popular camps this summer was Scotts Bike Camp and the Explorer and Adventure camps. All had full enrollment for the most part.
- b) Girls Softball had 27 teams (including the other cities that participate).
- c) RV park continues to take up a lot of staff time. Over the course of the summer there were over 900 nights of reservations. We are looking into changing the policy so that RVs that have not paid for a site can be towed within a two hour period. Homelessness continues to be a problem at the park and seems to be growing.
- d) Both Movies in the Park and Concerts in the Park were again successful.
- e) The August 3 on 3 Lentil Fest basketball tournament had a good turn out with 29 teams. Capacity is 32 teams.
- f) Preschool started back up in September with 66 students.
- g) The Dance program also started back up in September with 90 kids.

- h) Soccer program continues to have good numbers. Flag Football participation is also up from last year.

Lynda Hamilton asked if the preschool program would be willing to lock the outside doors during class time. Kurt replied that the policy of locking the door has just been implemented and is now only unlocked 10 minutes prior to the start of class and at the end of class.

C. Recreation Report – Senior Center: (Appendix C: 10-11-17)

Kurt Dahmen presented the Recreation Report regarding the Senior Center activities and highlighted the following:

- a) Senior Center has had a lot of trips this summer. Steve did a Newbie Mystery Trip, a trip to Lake Chelan and the Peach Festival.
- b) They also just got back from the Canyon Country Trip which was successful. They were in Las Vegas during the shooting but were all safely in a different hotel and away from the situation.

D. Recreation Report – Aquatics Center: (Appendix D: 10-11-17)

Kurt Dahmen presented the Recreation Report regarding the Aquatics Center activities and highlighted the following:

- a) The PAFC reduced its hours during the summer with Reaney open.
- b) Summer lessons were down on enrollment. UI also mentioned it was low on summer lesson enrollment as well. Fall enrollment is up, however.
- c) Revenue at Reaney was about the same but was busier than last year. Possible that there were more annual pass holders using the pool this year.
- d) The summer swim team won the county tournament.
- e) Membership sale was again popular.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Discussion was held regarding Prop 1 and Prop 2. (Appendix E & F: 10-11-17)

- a) Alan Davis, Kurt Dahmen, and Adam Lincoln have had a number of presentations regarding both bond issues both to the public and to specific groups including the Chamber Board, Whitman County Relators, League of Women Voters, and the Senior Centre.
- b) Commission members discussed concerns and support they had heard from the public.

B. Discussion was held regarding adopting a Tobacco Free Parks policy (Appendix G: 10-11-17)

- a) Alan explained that a discussion was started because of a complaint that came in after the 4th of July. Adam Lincoln asked for the commission to discuss the possibility of a tobacco free policy in the parks.
- b) The commission discussed different ways in which the policy could be implemented and if it could be enforced. Discussion on this topic will continue at the next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion was held regarding a proposal from the Phoenix Conservancy regarding the Conservation Park.(Appendix H: 10-11-17)
 - a) The Phoenix Conservancy has submitted a proposal requesting a partnership with the city for the management of a portion of the conservation Park for use as a native prairie demonstration area.
 - b) After discussion, the commission recommends approving the proposal.
- B. Alan informed the commission that a citizen that resided near the conservation park had been working on cleaning up and maintaining trails through the park for the area residents for bike trails. (Appendix I: 10-11-17)
- C. Kurt presented a proposal for changes in the Primary Program & Facility Use Fee Schedule (Appendix J: 10-11-17).
 - a) Changes reviewed by the commission are outlined in Appendix J.
 - b) Kurt explained that the new schedule included a decrease in PAFC membership costs as most members have been purchasing their passes during the annual 50% off sale. Lowering the normal price and discontinuing the annual sale will mean that sales will be better distributed during the year. The 20% off sales will still continue.
 - c) **MOTION:** Lynda Hamilton made a motion to approve the new fee schedule as presented with the recommendation of discontinuing the PAFC annual membership 50% off sale but retaining the current 20% off membership sales. Zackary Fredrickson seconded. Passed unanimously.
- D. The commission was updated that the city budget has been put together and will be taken to the City Council. Parks and Recreation budget should remain the same
- E. Lynda Hamilton asked about adding speed bumps to the road past the city playfields because of the danger to kids using the playfields. The commission discussed the effectiveness of the signs that were posted and the possibility of removable bumps that could be placed during sports seasons. Alan will bring up the issue to public works.

ADJOURNMENT:

- A. **MOTION:** Lynda Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Becky Dueben seconded. Passed unanimously.
- F. Mick Nazerali adjourned the meeting at 7:49pm.

Mick Nazerali
Chairperson

Kurt Dahmen
Recreation Manager

Alan Davis
Parks Manager

Parks Report

October - December 2017

Staff is just completing our leaf removal operations which is approaching 450 man/hrs. Additionally, the Holiday lighting has been completed amounting to 458 hours for the year (includes January teardown and storage).

Park Maintenance Projects:

- 1) Restrooms and irrigation systems have been shut down and winterized and irrigation maps have been updated.
- 2) We addressed tree removals at Woodcraft Park, Maple St and at Bishop & Grand Ave. where a very persistent beaver has been busy. Staff also pruned a number of the trees in upper Kruegel.
- 3) Picnic tables have been cabled in the shelters and will be brought in throughout the winter for refurbishing.
- 4) We are working on inventories of equipment and supplies for the mechanic's shop, woodshop and plumbing rooms.
- 5) Snow equipment has been prepared and schedules set for city parking lot and sidewalk snow removal.
- 6) The RV Park water has been shutoff for the winter season, allowing for dry camping until February or March depending on the weather.
- 7) Supplies have been ordered and we have started rebuilding the RV Park fence. We will build 8" sections in the shop and install as we go, hopefully making future repairs much easier.
- 8) Staff cleaned up vandalism (fire on the path) near the Sunnyside upper restrooms, a broken door, and we had the Police trespass an abandoned vehicle from the front parking lot.
- 9) The lights on the Pine St. Plaza Bridge were replaced.

Recreation Projects:

- 1) We replenished mulch at the Harrison Tot Lot, Terre View and McGee playgrounds.
- 2) The Harrison Tot Lot shade structure was removed and stored for the winter.
- 3) Soccer boxes were gathered and stored at City Playfield for the winter.
- 4) We pruned the junipers off the tennis courts at Kruegel and cleaned the tennis courts at Sunnyside and the basketball court at McGee.
- 5) The Bowman Field bleachers were repaired.
- 6) Staff worked with the School District to address a number of irrigation problems brought on by the dugout project they were working on.

Cemetery Projects:

- 1) Staff continued to fill in holes and repair graves.
- 2) We handled (4) cremains, (6) regular earth burials.
- 3) Leaf removal operations continued.

- 4) Staff completed the lowering of the fountain niche, the resetting of our original single-sided niche and the installation of a new double-sided niche.
- 5) Rebar has been placed out at both cemeteries to aid in winter grave locates.

Other Projects

- 1) Staff addressed a number of overhanging vegetation and garbage complaints.
- 2) Resource Planning Unlimited, Inc. completed the Mary's Park Critical Areas Mitigation Discussion Report and is currently under review by the Planning Department. This document in conjunction with the May 20, 2016 Critical Areas Report will permit us to move forward with development of the park. I hope to once again engage the WSU LA 367 Class to develop a Mitigation Garden with paths and interpretive signage. After the first of the year we will once again convene the Mary's Park Playground Committee now that the south by-pass alignment has been approved, missing the park completely.

Ongoing/Upcoming:

- 1) Staff is still reviewing ordinance changes for overhanging vegetation, garbage service, litter, street trees and nuisances.
- 2) Irrigation supplies and plants for the new Grand Ave. Greenway site at Daisy and Grand have arrived; the plant material is in and if we have an open winter we will move forward on the irrigation installation.
- 3) The north end Entrance Sign site has been graded, the trees remove, the bank planted, waddles installed and the foundation boxes constructed. We will gear up again in the spring.
- 4) Our City Attorney is reviewing the contract and work proposal for The Phoenix Conservancy's contract/work proposal for native plant propagation at Conservation Park.

Recreation Report

Pioneer Center

October 2017

DISCOVERY ZONE:	# of Participants	Total Attendance
Preschool	65	652
Science With Jamie	9	45
Preschool Pony Pals	8	8
Home Alone & Safe Kids	9	9
Jump Rope For Kids	8	48
Kids In The Kitchen	6	6
Hands On Science	8	48
Rocket Science	10	10
Staccatos Music Learning Center	1	7
Pullman Civic Theatre Acting Class	10	50
It's All About The Brain	7	7
Nerf Skirmish	16	16
Horseback Riding 101	1	2
Dungeons & Dragons Game Night	3	3
Babysitting Basics	5	5
YOUTH SPORTS:	# of Participants	
HardWoodLife Basketball Camp	25	100
GENERAL RECREATION:	# of Participants	
Dog Obedience	24	144
So You Want To Be A Landlord	6	6
ADULT SPORTS/FITNESS:	# of Participants	
Tai Chi for Health Level I	16	96
Sunday Stretch	11	55
Pilates	21	147
Fitness At Yogatopia	3	36
Care-To-Share Fun Run	55	55
Morning Yoga	2	24
Total # of Participants	329	1579

- 97 programs offered
- 14 program cancelled
- 14.4% cancellation rate (15-20% is target)

FACILITY RESERVATIONS:	
RV Sites (# of nights)	206
Mary's Park (# of nights)	44
Tent Sites (# of nights)	2
Park Shelters (# of rentals)	2
Total # of Reservations	254

Recreation Report

Pioneer Center

November/December 2017

DISCOVERY ZONE:	# of Participants	Total Attendance
Preschool (November)	65	486
Preschool (December)	65	486
Holiday Cooking With Jamie	8	48
Cooking With Jamie: Harvest Celebration	6	6
Holiday Cooking With Jamie	6	18
Preschool Pony Pals	1	1
Rocket Science	9	9
Parent Night Out at Palouse Empire Gymnastics	2	2
Etiquette Social Skills For Life	7	7
Dungeons & Dragons Game Night (2)	7	7
Nerf Skirmish (2)	25	25
Tutoring With Jamie	6	36
Horseback Riding 101	2	4
Babysitting Basics	9	9
YOUTH SPORTS:	# of Participants	
Basketball: K-1 st Grade	68	816
Skyhawks Basketball Clinic	19	95
Skyhawks Winter Break Basketball Camp	11	33
GENERAL RECREATION:	# of Participants	
Holiday Wreath Decorating	3	3
AHA First Aid & CPR	3	3
ADULT SPORTS/FITNESS:	# of Participants	
Tai Chi for Health Level II	7	42
Total # of Participants	329	2,118

- 33 programs offered
- 6 program cancelled
- 18.2% cancellation rate (15-20% is target)

FACILITY RESERVATIONS:	
RV Sites (# of nights)	69
Mary's Park (# of nights)	43
Tent Sites (# of nights)	4
Park Shelters (# of rentals)	
Total # of Reservations	116

Recreation Report Senior Center

October 2017

WEEKLY EVENTS:			AVERAGE Monthly Units of Participation
Cards (Bridge, Pinochle, Canasta)	2x/wk=30	average	240
Dominoes	2x/wk=6	average	48
COA Meal	2x/wk=42	average	336
Fitness with Gloria	2x/wk=6	average	48
Local Shopping	4x/mo=4	average	16
Yoga Class	2x/wk=4	average	80
Subtotal			784
MONTHLY EVENTS:			TOTAL Number of Participants
Birthday Party			63
Bingo			21
Business Meeting			15
Senior Potluck			8
Old Time Fiddlers			48
Monthly Shopping (not groceries)			*
Red Hats			5
WSU Retirees			38
Blood Pressure			14
Kitchen Band Sing-a-long			31
Cribbage			4
Wii Bowling			12
Smart Phone Class			12
SHIBA			32
Subtotal			303
SPECIAL EVENTS & TRIPS:			TOTAL Number of Participants
Something Rotten			12
Ritzville Historic Tour			16
Scenic Train Ride			30
CDA Casino Trip			18
PSC Supper Club			7
Hillyard's Halloween Party			8
Halloween Costume Contest			12
Subtotal			103
Grand Total			1,190

* - Denotes this trip/class did not meet minimum registration
NH- NO meeting held

Recreation Report Senior Center

November 2017

WEEKLY EVENTS:			AVERAGE Monthly Units of Participation
Cards (Bridge, Pinochle, Canasta)	2x/wk=34	average	272
Dominoes	2x/wk=6	average	48
COA Meals	2x/wk=51	average	408
Fitness with Carole	2x/wk=12	average	108
Local Shopping	4x/mo=4	average	16
Yoga Class	2x/wk=10	average	80
WSU Game Days	3x/mo=12	average	36
Subtotal			820
MONTHLY EVENTS:			TOTAL Number of Participants
Birthday Party			76
Bingo			29
Business Meeting			18
Senior Potluck			NH
Old Time Fiddlers			56
Monthly Shopping (not groceries)			*
Red Hats			6
WSU Retirees			NH
Blood Pressure			NH
Kitchen Band Sing-a-long			50
Cribbage			5
Wii Bowling			24
SHIBA Medicare Help			26
Subtotal			290
SPECIAL EVENTS & TRIPS:			TOTAL Number of Participants
Endicott Dinner & Kitchen Band			30
Veteran's Recognition			38
Bozarth Mansion			16
PSC Breakfast Club @ The Breakfast Club			10
Holiday Bazaar Set-up			15
Holiday Bazaar – Meals			150
Holiday Bazaar – Non Meals			56
Mega Shopping			14
Subtotal			329
Grand Total			1,587

* - Denotes this trip/class did not meet minimum registration
NH– NO meeting held

Recreation Report Senior Center

December 2017

WEEKLY EVENTS:			AVERAGE Monthly Units of Participation
Cards (Bridge,Pinochle,Canasta)	2x/wk=30	average	240
Dominoes	2x/wk=6	average	48
COA Meal	2x/wk=47	average	376
Fitness with Gloria	2x/wk=6	average	48
Local Shopping	4x/mo=4	average	16
Yoga Class	2x/mo=10	average	80
Subtotal			808
MONTHLY EVENTS:			TOTAL Number of Participants
Birthday Party			60
Bingo			29
Business Meeting			18
Senior Potluck			NH
Old Time Fiddlers			52
Monthly Shopping (not groceries)			*
Red Hats			4
WSU Retirees			NH
Blood Pressure			15
Kitchen Band Sing-a-long			42
Cribbage			5
Wii Bowling			24
SHIBA			24
Subtotal			273
SPECIAL EVENTS & TRIPS:			TOTAL Number of Participants
Bunko & Wassail Party			38
Pre-school Christmas Concert			32
Christmas Potluck			28
PSC Supper Club			6
Colton & Lewiston Xmas Lights			30
Subtotal			134
Grand Total			1,215

* - Denotes this trip/class did not meet minimum registration
NH- NO meeting held

Aquatics Report

Pullman Aquatic and Fitness Center

October 2017

SWIM LESSONS	# of Participants	Total Attendance
Parent and Child Level 1	11	39
Parent and Child Level 2	7	42
Preschool Level 1	24	133
Preschool Level 2	9	39
Preschool Level 3	9	39
Youth Level 1	15	7
Youth Level 2	25	123
Youth Level 3	13	72
Youth Level 4	11	54
Youth Level 5	6	36
Youth Level 6	13	63
A La Carte	5	16
Subtotal Swim Lessons:	148	728
SWIM TEAM		
Sturgeons	17	136
Sterlets	0	0
Barracudas	0	0
Subtotal Swim Team:	17	136
PAFC MEMBERSHIP CHECK-INS		
Annual	2209	2209
Family Fun	70	70
Monthly	59	59
Quarterly	1	1
City Employee	28	28
Fitness Punch Card	2	2
Subtotal Membership Check-Ins:	2369	2369
PAFC DROP-INS		
Under 4 (free)	7	17
Youth (4-17)	100	100
Adult (18-59)	82	82
Senior (60+)	30	30
Family	6	18
Other Clubs	73	73
Promo Passes	7	7
WEX and WWEX	0	0
Subtotal Drop-Ins:	315	327
FITNESS CLASSES		
Water Exercise	200	200
Warm Water Exercise	246	246

Weight Training	2	16
Subtotal Fitness Classes:	448	462
RENTALS		
Rolling Hills Masters	25	300
Warm Pool Only	8	80
Lap Pool Only	0	0
Warm and Lap Pool	0	0
Subtotal Rentals:	33	380
SPECIAL EVENTS	0	0
Subtotal Special Events:	0	0
	Total # of Participants	Total Attendance
	3330	4402

MEMBERSHIPS SOLD	
Annual	14
Family Fun	2
Monthly	14
Quarterly	1
City Employee	40
Fitness Punch Card	0
Reaney Seasonal	0
Total Memberships Sold	71

Aquatics Report

Pullman Aquatic and Fitness Center

November 2017

SWIM LESSONS	# of Participants	Total Attendance
Parent and Child Level 1	0	0
Parent and Child Level 2	0	0
Preschool Level 1	3	24
Preschool Level 2	2	16
Preschool Level 3	8	64
Youth Level 1	3	24
Youth Level 2	8	64
Youth Level 3	4	32
Youth Level 4	5	40
Youth Level 5	2	16
Youth Level 6	5	40
A La Carte	6	28
Subtotal Swim Lessons:	46	348
SWIM TEAM		
Sturgeons	21	168
Sterlets	0	0
Barracudas	0	0
Subtotal Swim Team:	21	168
PAFC MEMBERSHIP CHECK-INS		
Annual	2036	2036
Family Fun	49	49
Monthly	64	64
Quarterly	2	2
City Employee	42	42
Fitness Punch Card	3	3
Subtotal Membership Check-Ins:	2196	2196
PAFC DROP-INS		
Under 4 (free)	31	31
Youth (4-17)	113	113
Adult (18-59)	120	120
Senior (60+)	20	20
Family	24	72
Other Clubs	68	68
Promo Passes	19	19
WEX and WWEX	0	0
Subtotal Drop-Ins:	396	444
FITNESS CLASSES		
Water Exercise	181	181
Warm Water Exercise	200	200

Weight Training	2	16
Subtotal Fitness Classes:	383	397
RENTALS		
Rolling Hills Masters	25	280
Warm Pool Only	2	20
Lap Pool Only	0	0
Warm and Lap Pool	2	100
Subtotal Rentals:	29	400
SPECIAL EVENTS	0	0
Subtotal Special Events:	0	0
	Total # of Participants	Total Attendance
	3071	3953

MEMBERSHIPS SOLD	
Annual	3
Family Fun	0
Monthly	9
Quarterly	1
City Employee	41
Fitness Punch Card	0
Reaney Seasonal	0
Total Memberships Sold	54

Aquatics Report

Pullman Aquatic and Fitness Center

December 2017

SWIM LESSONS	# of Participants	Total Attendance
Parent and Child Level 1	0	0
Parent and Child Level 2	0	0
Preschool Level 1	3	12
Preschool Level 2	2	8
Preschool Level 3	8	32
Youth Level 1	3	12
Youth Level 2	8	32
Youth Level 3	4	16
Youth Level 4	5	20
Youth Level 5	2	8
Youth Level 6	5	20
A La Carte	3	14
Subtotal Swim Lessons:	43	174
SWIM TEAM		
Sturgeons	21	84
Sterlets	0	0
Barracudas	0	0
Subtotal Swim Team:	21	84
PAFC MEMBERSHIP CHECK-INS		
Annual	2098	2098
Family Fun	47	47
Monthly	60	60
Quarterly	3	3
City Employee	30	30
Fitness Punch Card	2	2
Subtotal Membership Check-Ins:	2240	2240
PAFC DROP-INS		
Under 4 (free)	25	25
Youth (4-17)	132	132
Adult (18-59)	97	97
Senior (60+)	14	14
Family	18	18
Other Clubs	88	88
Promo Passes	36	36
WEX and WWEX	0	0
Subtotal Drop-Ins:	401	401
FITNESS CLASSES		
Water Exercise	120	120
Warm Water Exercise	162	162
Weight Training	2	8
Subtotal Fitness Classes:	284	290

RENTALS		
Rolling Hills Masters	20	240
Warm Pool Only	4	40
Lap Pool Only	0	0
Warm and Lap Pool	0	0
Subtotal Rentals:	24	280
SPECIAL EVENTS	0	0
Subtotal Special Events:	0	0
	Total # of Participants	Total Attendance
	3013	3469

MEMBERSHIPS SOLD	
Annual	26
Family Fun	0
Monthly	11
Quarterly	2
City Employee	46
Fitness Punch Card	0
Reaney Seasonal	0
Total Memberships Sold	85

Why do we need to do this?

Enjoying Healthy Park Environments – Tobacco-Free Policies for Parks and Recreation Facilities in King County

Tobacco-free parks and recreation areas promote health and wellness

Parks are highly valued environments in neighborhoods and communities that promote individual and community wellness. Making these environments tobacco-free makes sense and is in alignment with community norms. Leash laws and rules against drinking in public provide for comfortable and safe visits to parks – tobacco use should be added to this list.

Cigarette butts aren't just litter – they're dangerous. According to the Washington Department of Ecology, 480 million cigarette butts are littered in Washington State every year. Cigarette butts are not biodegradable and can take up to 15 years to decompose. During that time, they leach cadmium, arsenic, and other poisons into the soil. Discarded cigarettes are also the third leading cause of preventable outdoor fires. In 2008, approximately 60,000 outdoor fires in the U.S. were caused by tobacco. Cigarette butts may also be ingested by toddlers, pets, birds, and fish.

- Washington State Department of Ecology (2007, April 12). *Statewide litter campaign focuses on dangerous litter behavior.* www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2007news/2007-083.html
- Karter, Michael J. *Fire Loss in the United States During 2009 National Fire Protection Association.*
- Ahrens, Marty Brush, Grass, and Forest Fires August 2010 *National Fire Protection Association.*

Tobacco-free environments prevent kids from using tobacco and assists adults in quitting. Youth and children exposed to smoking and tobacco use are more likely to use tobacco products when they get older. Research shows prohibiting smoking in public places decreases the chances that kids will use tobacco products and supports adults in smoking less or stopping altogether.

- Wakefield, Melanie A., et al. *Do Restrictions on Smoking at Home, at School and in Public Places Influence Teenage Smoking?*

Secondhand smoke harms everyone. Children exposed to secondhand smoke are at an increased risk for acute respiratory problems, ear infections and asthma attacks. Exposure of adults to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer. There is simply no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

- *The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke. The 2006 Surgeon General's Report on Smoking.*

Secondhand smoke can be harmful in outdoor settings. Under some conditions, according to research from Tufts University School of Medicine and Repace Associates, outdoor levels of tobacco smoke can be as high as indoor levels of secondhand smoke.

- Repace, James L. *Fact Sheet: Outdoor Air Pollution from Secondhand Smoke*

Why Tobacco-Free Park Policies are being adopted in King County

Most King County residents support tobacco-free parks and recreation policies.

The 2007 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Survey conducted by the Washington State Department of Health reports that a majority of King County residents (72%) support prohibiting smoking in outdoor public areas.

Tobacco-free policies reduce litter and maintenance costs.

High-activity areas in parks, public access areas, and rest areas accumulate more litter per acre each year than roadways do. Parks leaders who have implemented tobacco-free policies report a significant reduction in cigarette butts littering the grounds. This saves money and allows maintenance crews to focus on more important projects.

■ Washington State Litter Study, May 2000

Tobacco-free and smoke-free parks are becoming a norm across Washington State.

More than twenty-five cities in twelve counties throughout Washington have already adopted policies promoting tobacco and smoke-free public outdoor areas.

■ Public Health in Action – Reducing Tobacco Exposure in Parks WADOH TPC Program Assessment and Evaluation

The time to act is now and King County is leading the way.

In the Summer of 2010, King County was awarded a national Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) grant. Diverse partners from across King County are working to create neighborhoods where it's safer to walk or bike, where schools and childcare settings are providing healthier foods and drinks, and where all King County residents can breathe smoke-free air.

Where do Tobacco-Free Park Policies currently exist in Washington State?

Parks across Washington State have adopted policies restricting or prohibiting tobacco use. The map below outlines all the parks in the state with identified tobacco policies.



Source: 2010 Washington State Department of Health, Tobacco Prevention and Control Program, Statewide Policy Outcomes Report on Reducing Tobacco in Parks. Full report including pages that provide more details about the processes that led to policy change in some communities can be found at, http://www.doh.wa.gov/tobacco/data_evaluation/Data/PolicyOutcome/WaPolicyReport.pdf

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County	Park	Year	Policy Detail
Benton	Kennewick Parks	2005	Smoke free playgrounds, 25' rule around perimeter. Signs posted at 26 playgrounds.
Benton	Richland Parks	2006	Smoke free playgrounds, 50' rule around perimeter. Signs posted at 20 playgrounds.
Benton	West Richland Parks	2007	Smoke free parks and spit tobacco is specifically prohibited.
Chelan-Douglas	Wenatchee City Parks	2010	City policy covers all parks. Signs posted at play areas, sports fields and wading pools.
Clark	Vancouver & Clark County Parks	2005	Smoke free playgrounds. Signs are posted at playgrounds and restrooms.
Clark	Battleground Parks	2007	Skate park section is smoke free and there are designated smoking areas.
Columbia	Dayton Parks	2010	Smoke free zones 25' around playgrounds, pools, athletic complex.
Garfield	Pioneer Park	2008	A pocket park in Pomeroy is tobacco-free, 25' rule.
Grant	Moses Lake Parks	2006	Rule covers playgrounds, ballparks, play fields, bleachers, restrooms, concession stand and any public gathering space.
King	Seattle Parks	2010	All tobacco use prohibited within 25' of other people, play areas and beaches.
Kitsap	Poulsbo	1999	
Kittitas	Ellensburg	2006	Rule covers playgrounds, restrooms, ball fields, beaches, and events.
Mason	Mason County Property	2006	All county-owned property is smoke free including parks and fairgrounds.
Pierce	Puyallup	2004	Entire park is smoke free, compliance is voluntary.
Pierce	Metro Parks	2009	Parks are smoke free and the policy includes enforcement provisions.
Pierce	Pierce County Parks	2009	Parks are smoke free and the policy includes enforcement provisions.
Skagit	Bakerview Park	2005	Entire park is smoke free, compliance is voluntary.
Skagit	Clear Lake Beach	2005	Entire park is smoke free, compliance is voluntary.
Skagit	Montgomery-Duban Headlands	2007	Entire park is smoke free, compliance is voluntary.
Skagit	Sharpe Park	2007	Entire park is smoke free, compliance is voluntary.
Snohomish	Marysville	2001	First park in Snohomish County to enact a policy.
Snohomish	Lake Stevens	2008	Smoke free policy includes enforcement provision and fine structure.
Snohomish	13 Snohomish Community Parks	2002-2007	Cities of Arlington, Granite Falls, Gold Bar, Monroe, Mukilteo, Index, Sultan, Snohomish, Everett, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Edmonds, Bothell
Spokane	Spokane Parks	2009	25' rule covers playgrounds, pools, restrooms, skate parks, and community events.
Thurston	Olympia	2005	Signs are posted at playgrounds.
Thurston	Tumwater	2007	Entire park is smoke free, compliance is voluntary.

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